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## and finally...

## Fawlty Accounting!

News reaches us that someone didn't do his sums back at BNP HQ. Mathematicians at the Lancaster UAF blog discovered that the BNP had been ripped off to the tune of at least £1500, paying £7000 for a hotel in which the total cost of all the rooms for the entire conference weekend would be no more than £5500 if booked individually. That's another 50 mem-

bership fees down the drain!

The BNP's Conference takes place this year on the 16th-18th November at The New Kimberley Hotel, 585-589 New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1NQ. Its charming proprietors Peter and Susie Metcalfe and can be reached at 01253 341184.

## NEWSLETTER

## Who do you think you are kidding Mr Griffin?

The British National Party may have succeeded in convincing sections of the public and the press that they're now a 'legitimate' political party through the simple expedient of swapping boots and braces for ill-fitting suits and insincere smiles, but they have so far failed to convince the electorate as a whole that they're fit for government.

If their last major outing at the polls in May's local council elections is anything to go by they're a party marching less along the road to power than along the road to oblivion.

Standing twice as many candidates as they did at the last election but making a net gain of just one measly seat, the party gave every impression of being an organisation that was over-stretched and out of its depth. Making up numbers with a raft of under-supported paper candidates in a poorly choreographed show of strength, they merely succeeded in offering their opponents the opportunity to show what a shower of shite the BNP really is. To describe the weeks leading up to the polls as a turkey shoot would be something of an understatement. Press and public alike enjoyed the spectacle of hapless and helpless BNP buffoons being picked off by better-briefed and better-resourced opponents. Revelations of how would-be 'voice of local people' Ian Dawson was hedging his bets by standing for seats in both York and the Scottish Parliament, or of how (in a replay of tactics used in the 2001 elections) BNP candidates were shown to have blatantly forged (often ethnic-minority!) signatures on their nomination forms, effectively made many a BNP loss a foregone conclusion.

And if the BNP's efforts to gain power were laughable enough, it's to their antics once in office over recent years that also help to explain May's drubbing. From forgetting to vote for their own motions in council debates - step forward Richard 'Porno' Barnbrook and the Barking and Dagenham BNP group; finding themselves barred from office for non-attendance of council meetings (congratulations John Haycock and Roger Roberts); to a grim hat trick of convictions for beating wife, mother-in-law and 14 year old daughter (David 'ex-SAS' Enderby), the BNP's performance in local government makes Private Eye's Rotten Boroughs read like the memoirs of Bismark.

In the months following May's election, there have been developing splits and leadership challenges within BNP. And a haemorrhaging of key players such as gaffe-prone National Press Officer 'Dr' Phil Edwards and Cultural Officer Jonathan Bowden - both of whom departed under a cloud - gives the impression of rats leaving a sinking ship. Up on deck and for the time being at least, Griffin and his remaining lieutenants are ensuring that the orchestra plays on. How much longer they can hold on is a matter of some speculation, though it's certain that Griffin won't be ousted without a serious fight given that numerous Griffin family members are currently on the party payroll.

The more urgent question is how long can they control the elements of their party who are keen to abandon electioneering and revert to the old tactics of street violence and intimidation. Of course a seamy undercur-

rent of violence has always been part of the culture of the BNP - witness the many, many well-documented accounts of the lowlife behaviour of BNP members and their associates. Fascism always was and will always be a politics of bullying and bigotry. Griffin has tried - ably when all's said and done - to balance his party's traditional values with electability. It looks today like he's on the verge of failure. But his failure alone will not bring about the end of the BNP, or of fascism in the UK.

A well-deserved drubbing at the polls is one thing, but it will take a more concerted effort if the BNP and their allies are to be forced from the political scene, and more crucially swept off our streets and back once and for all into the dustbin of history where they belong. Antifascists need to be presenting viable alternatives to the hatred spouted by fascists and their supporters. But equally pressing is the need for robust political alternatives to the fraud of electoral politics, of nation, race, religion and all the other garbage that keeps the rich and well-born in perpetual rule over this country's shambolic and divided working class.

For many antifascists, the answer to the rise in the BNP's profile over recent years has been a renewed re-engagement with the electoral process - with voter-registration drives and canvassing on behalf of the BNP's opponents forming the central planks of many an anti-BNP campaign. Whilst May's results make it clear that these tactics have worked in the short term, we at Antifa can't help but question the sense behind such initiatives. Turnout at British elections is in decline for good reasons. The first-past the post system in this country makes a mockery of any common-sense notion of democracy, effectively sharing power between the two main parties and their largely indistinguishable platforms. Ordinary people have seen right through this fraud (as they saw through the fraud of religion many years ago) and it makes no sense to be promoting re-engagement with the whole discredited rip-off.

Whilst celebrating falling turnouts and widespread disenchantment, it's vital that we work hard to fill the vacuum created by this withdrawal with a dynamic, progressive working-class politics. A politics that answers the needs and concerns of all working class people on their terms. Without this our streets and estates will once more present ripe pickings for the party machines of both the left and the right who doubtless will have come up with new ways to herd us all to the voting booth come the next election.

Who indeed do you think you are kidding?



## Take Pride Young Man!

According to strategists at the National Front the time has come to take a stand against that much-fearred scourge of our times, and the number one issue affecting quality of life in Britain today: the Gay Pride march. For the last couple of years Fronters have arisen as one against wicked Sodomites parading their perversions on the streets of our cities. Or perhaps they were attempting to prove their late Fuhrer's bitter observation that the only skinheads left these days are reds and queers.

In any case skinheads a-plenty, and a host of other sexily attired revellers gave all six NF buffoons who turned out for Manchester Pride this year an undeservedly warm welcome. According to our man on the ground our uptight übermenschen were showered with confetti and blown numerous kisses, whilst throughout the day couples queued to have their picture taken in front of their banner (pictured) illustrated with a duo of lovingly rendered Tom of Finland-style leathermen embracing amongst the flames of hell beneath the slogan "God made Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve."

At this point it's customary to say, "Only in America..." We fucking wish.

## A Cottage Industry

In future those seeking to stockpile explosives at home had better be sure of one thing: that they're white.

Being non-white just won't do, as scores of would-be artisan munitions manufacturers have discovered to their cost. In fact, you don't even need to have any explosives or indeed much of a clue to suffer some of the extraordinary punishments that have been meted out in recent years. Take the example of 17 year old schoolboy runaway Mohammed Irfan Raja and his accomplices who were sentenced to between two and three years apiece for merely downloading and sharing extremist materials, amongst which were so-called Al-Qaeda training manuals. Or the nine years handed down to Bolton resident Omar Altinimi for building up a vast library of terrorist material.

But apparently if you take inspiration from the Turner Diaries and not the Koran, follow in the footsteps of Hitler rather than bin Laden, and fantasise about the Second Coming of the British Empire as opposed to the Western Caliphate, then you can expect little more than a stern telling-off if you ever get your collar felt.

Or at least that's what we can conclude from the case of Robert Cottage, the one-time BNP council candidate who was sentenced to just two years despite having actually constructed a number of devices from the record-breaking cache of bomb-making chemicals found by police in his home. His arsenal,

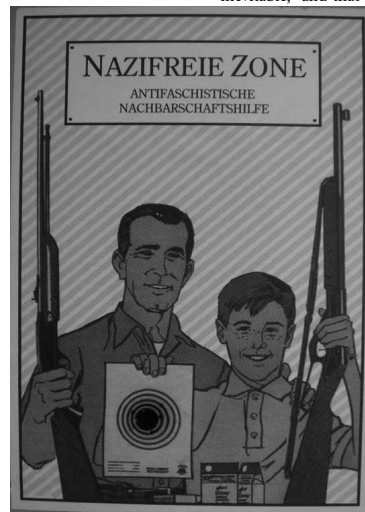


apparently containing a homemade rocket launcher, was designed to be used in a future race war, which he believed was just around the corner. Justifying her extraordinary sentence in this case, the presiding judge Mrs Justice Swift says she was "...satisfied it was Cottage's views on how he put it 'the evils of uncontrolled immigration' would lead to civil war which would be imminent and inevitable," and that she accepted that "... the intention was to hold these chemicals until the outbreak of civil unrest."

Given the past record of ex and serving BNP members for deciding how and when the Great Race War would commence, we at Antifa find ourselves somewhat less satisfied by his excuses. One only has to recall David Copeland's murderous rampage across London in 1999 or Tony 'Suicide Bomber' Lecomber's botched attempt to bomb the Workers' Revolutionary Party HQ in 1985 to get an idea of the serious intent that underlies the at first sight laughable fantasies of these misanthropic fanatics.

We'll leave the last word on the matter to the BNP's erstwhile sultan of spin, 'Dr Phil' Foot in Mouth' Edwards, whose definitive pronouncement on the affair was: 'We never have anyone in the party with criminal convictions'. We hereby offer a complete terrorist library comprising one copy of the Anarchist Cookbook (slightly singed), a genuine Al-Qaeda training manual (signed by the author) along with a special anniversary edition of Baden

Powell's ever popular 'Scouting for Boys' to any reader who can furnish us with the details of twenty or more members of the BNP (past or present) with a clean record. Entries to the usual address please, to arrive no later than the outbreak of the Great Race War.



Join your Antifa neighbourhood watch!

## SEARCHLIGHT

We will not work with, accept information from, nor pass information to the so-called anti-fascist magazine/organisation Searchlight, and we will not work with individuals who have any connection to them. As an organisation that works hand-in-glove with State agencies, we cannot trust them or the agenda they pursue. Their influence within, and manipulation of, militant anti-fascism has been deeply divisive over the years, their methods and involvement with State security services are well documented and entirely incompatible with our own position.

## THE LEFT AUTHORITARIAN

For decades revolutionary left groups such as the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party, have opportunistically used the mobilisation against fascism as a way of trying to swell their membership numbers and the coffers of



their party. We are not interested in working with these groups, nor with their front groups, such as the Anti-Nazi League™ or Unite Against Fascism™. Our experience is that these front groups exist merely to try and recruit members on behalf of the controlling party, to peddle their papers, and to manipulate and marginalize genuine anti-fascists. In the past we have seen the leadership of such fronts collaborate not only with the State, but also with the fascists themselves. We will not be fooled again, and advise genuine anti-fascists within these organisations to leave, after which we may be able to work with them.

## VOTING

Voting is something that allows the State to pretend we live in a democracy, and it is a tactic used by fascist parties such as the British National Party to promote themselves and their

policies. While the BNP may be in a position to throw bricks through the windows of a few Asian households, it is New Labour that is locking up refugees and bombing Iraqi civilians. It is ridiculous to suggest that voting helps to stop fascism. This is the sort of insult to working class communities that has allowed the BNP to grow. This is the case whether we are being told to vote for the old Statist parties or opportunist fronts, such as Respect™, which has helped to promote bigotry (sexism and homophobia) in order to further the agenda of its leadership. The problems that allow racism and fascism to flourish will not be solved simply by voting for parties which mask their fascism slightly more cleverly than the BNP, nor for some middle-class tourist standing on a Left-Wing ticket.

## THE WIDER STRUGGLE

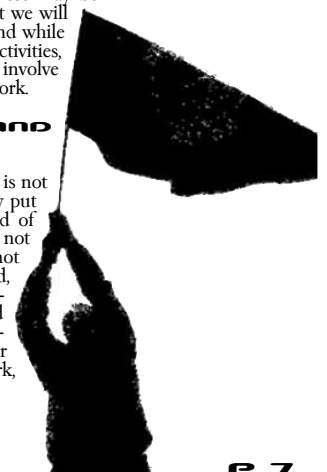
Eliminating the threat of fascism will not magically correct all the wrongs of the world. The first stage of real lasting social improvement begins with the downfall of global capitalism and its replacement with an alternative that puts working class people in control of their own lives. Members of Antifa are involved in a wide variety of other anti-capitalist struggles, but Antifa itself remains focussed on the fight against fascism, which we believe is linked to the wider struggle. The State will employ fascist tactics if necessary in the cause of suppressing dissent, and the fight against openly fascist ideology, wherever it comes from, is a critical part of the fight against the ultimate enemy of capitalism itself.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Fascism can be suppressed by the use of street-level tactics against their attempts to publicly organise. The fascists electoral ambitions can be defeated by the use of counter-propaganda. But a meaningful impact on fascism requires far more than this. We believe that involvement in local communities is critical and this does not mean parachuting in as outsiders, but people taking action in their own communities. Education and presenting workable solutions to the problems faced by communities are absolutely vital to the struggle. These may be outside the current remit of Antifa, but we will wholeheartedly support these tactics, and while we may not be able to initiate such activities, we strongly encourage our members to involve themselves in this sort of grass-roots work.

## SECURITY AND RECRUITMENT

For tactical and security reasons, Antifa is not an open group. Some of our work may put us in conflict with the authorities, and of course with fascists themselves. We do not seek mass-recruitment and we do not hold regular open meetings. That said, we are always on the lookout for potential new members, who are committed and security-conscious. If you are interested in getting involved with Antifa, or if you would like to assist us in our work, please get in touch.



## No Home, No Job, No Vote!

It's many years since the fall of the Apartheid system, but South Africa's old racist stereotypes linger on according to activists from Durban's rapidly growing shack dwellers' movement, Abahlali baseMjondolo. "The whites used to say that blacks were lazy, stupid, drunkards, whatever," says one spokesman Richard Pithouse, "Now everyone says the same about shack dwellers."

Shack settlements have always been a part of South Africa's urban landscape. Previously such settlements were encouraged by the Apartheid regime as a cheap solution to housing its poor black and coloured workforce on the outskirts of the cities. But recent years have witnessed rising frustration amongst their residents as long-awaited improvements promised by their new ANC masters have failed to materialise, whilst conditions in the settlements worsen by the day.

One ANC councillor found that his broken promises to the shack dwellers earned him a stinging rebuke as his constituents rallied together to organise his funeral! Yacoob Baig had long promised residents of Durban's Kennedy Road settlement a tiny patch of municipal land adjacent to their overcrowded settlement, where only six temporary toilets service thousands of residents. But when at the last minute the council decided to sell the land for redevelopment, years of pent-up frustration erupted and Baig himself (an ANC councillor who owes his rise to power to the voters of Kennedy Road) called in the riot police, thereby criminalizing his most needy constituents. He also threatened further restrictions in essential services and planned improvements if they did not fall back into line.

His funeral went ahead whether he liked it or not, and Baig's untimely demise would appear to have caught the imagination of shack-dwellers throughout Durban as the following months saw a long overdue epidemic decimate its increasingly anxious political class. What rapidly became apparent, however, was that this new movement was not going to limit itself to mere gesture and the same period saw the emergence of robust new methods of political organisation with a concerted effort by Abahlali baseMjondolo to construct a dynamic people's democracy.

Spokesmen from the movement are clear what they mean by a people's democracy. The final element of their slogan 'No Home, No Job, No Vote', they explain, does not refer to the disenfranchisement of the shack dwellers. Far from it. Along with the funerals it communicates their disillusionment with the post-Apartheid political system; with the process of democratic representation as it stands; and their withdrawal from the sham of South Africa's emergent democracy. For Abahlali baseMjondolo this is an active withdrawal - with the space opened up rapidly being filled with new modes of political organisation. On the ground this means that solutions to shack-dwellers problems are being developed and organised by the shack-dwellers themselves, on their own terms, by way of a dynamic system of radically democratic community organisation. Their politics is refreshingly jargon free, designed from the outset to be accessible to ordinary people and not just their self-styled middle-class representatives. Testimony to their success is the fact that shack-dwellers themselves occupy most of the key positions in their organisation, whilst at the same time welcoming support and practical help from outside sources. The processes themselves are imbued with a sense of dignity and order and for the moment appear to be working, at least in terms of galvanising and ultimately organising neighbouring communities. And in spite of ferocious police repression Abahlali baseMjondolo appears to be growing.

One other notable development is that the movement has also broken with the NGO's and charities such as the World Bank responsible for administering international aid in South Africa, accusing them of bringing back the Apartheid zoning system by effectively allowing their funds to be used to force the inner-city shack settlements that have sprung up since the fall of the old regime out of sight of their wealthier (read white and Asian) suburban neighbours. Shack dwellers have also grown increasingly suspicious of resettlement plans drawn up by the authorities, suspecting many such offer to be motivated by a push to 'clean-up' Durban in time for the 2010 football World Cup.

It is unclear at this stage whether Abahlali baseMjondolo will be able to secure any lasting improvements in the housing situation of shack dwellers. But in terms of communication, the development of media skills, and the development of collective organisation through a robustly participatory democracy, the movement has made gains that will be difficult to take away, and that should give their would-be rulers nightmares for years to come!

Those of us in the UK who have experienced the rising levels of disengagement with the electoral process of recent years and the growing marginalisation of the working classes might be advised to take a close look at the new forms of popular democracy developed by the shack dwellers in Abahlali baseMjondolo.

See [www.abahlali.org](http://www.abahlali.org) for more information.

## Irving Faces His Portaloo!

Veteran Holocaust denier David Irving got more than he bargained for when he turned up at the Beltrung War and Peace Military fair in Kent earlier this year.

Looking much the worse for wear following his recent spell in an Austrian jail, the disgraced historian spent the weekend hawking his tatty self-published books from a tent in the traders' field. Quite a step down from the hallowed halls of academe it would seem - or had his doctor just advised a healthy weekend under canvas to banish his pasty prison tan?

## These Songs Ain't Your Songs!

Keen to break into the music scene once again, the far-right has been actively promoting releases of folk music on a number of its own record labels. The whole thing could be dismissed as a joke, but we'd do well to remember their reasonably successful efforts to hijack the original Punk and Oi! scenes, and those who were there back in the day will recall how many a gig was turned into a vicious brawl between gangs of boneheads and their opponents.

Fortunately this time their ambitions have been frustrated by a severe shortage of talent - although this didn't stand in their way in the past. One such release of recent years that itself launched the BNP's own Great White Records was Lee Haggan's 'Time to Make a Stand'. Billed as "...one of the most eagerly awaited albums for many years in the nationalist movement, and certainly in the whole history of the BNP" by Great White's silver-tongued marketing men, the album contains some particularly leaden and hackneyed contributions, awash with syrupy sentiment and heavy handed metaphor and littered with lines that limp and falter, utterly defying any attempt at rhythmic delivery. All this is credited to the pen of an up-and-coming bard one Nick Griffin, who apparently takes inspiration from days spent in the pig sheds of his farm in Wales. We strongly advise him not to give up his day job just yet.

If the metaphors are heavy-handed however, words defy the clumsiness of the attempt on this same execrable record to hijack Woody Guthrie's anthem of liberation 'This Land is Your Land' - rewritten, it transpires once more by our humble Welsh pig-farmer. The mind boggles at the sheer brass neck of the man who reckons his tawdry doggerel compares even remotely favourably with the visionary beauty of the original. We quote in full (sensitive readers are advised to look away at this point):

*This land is your land  
And this land is my land  
From the Dover Straights to the Shetland Island (sic),  
From Donegall to the Suffolk sand dunes,  
This land was made for you and me*

*As I went walking  
On the pennine highway  
I saw above me  
That english skyway  
I saw below me  
The Calder Valley  
This Land was made for you and me*

The Beltrung fair attracts everyone from battle re-enactors, collectors and historians through to uniform fetishists, families and day-trippers, but few of the crowd it seems had much time for this particular historical exhibit. Some festival-goers took great exception to Irving's presence however, and our Fuehrer-fancier found his rural idyll rudely interrupted as the accumulated contents of a festering festival portaloo were tipped all over his stinking stall. So once again, it was back to the bunker and an early bath for this particular peddler of lies.

### Chorus

*I roamed and rambled  
and I followed my footsteps  
to the sparkling sands of  
the wild welsh coastline  
and all around me  
were voices singing  
This Land was made for you and me*

### Chorus

*And the sun was shining  
On her rosy cheeked children  
and her clear blue skies with  
White clouds a rolling  
As we held hands and  
as we were strolling  
This Land was made for you and me*

(capitalisation and punctuation, the author's own - see [www.greatwhiterecords.com/Lyrics\\_timetomakeastand.htm](http://www.greatwhiterecords.com/Lyrics_timetomakeastand.htm))

It's a well known fact that nationalism deals in invented histories and made-up traditions, but this effort really takes the fucking biscuit. Not only was Guthrie (pictured) a committed anti-fascist, whose guitar sported the immortal motto 'This Machine Kill's Fascists'. He was also a staunch believer in America as a melting pot of cultures and peoples as well as an active supporter of the IWW - the union that pioneered the organisation of multi-ethnic, multi-lingual workforces, thereby defeating the bosses' attempts to break strikes with scabs purposely drawn from a different community to the original workforce. His commitment to the melting pot principle is also expressed in his music, which, like all great American folk music of the time draws heavily on Cajun, Creole, Irish and Black traditions to name but few. Guthrie owed a large debt to Black styles, particularly the Blues and is remembered as one of the greatest exponents of the 'talking blues', a sort of proto-rap. Griffin and his cronies should stick to their marching music. It's almost as if they'd turned their hands to gangster rap - we humbly suggest Fat Honky as a fitting name for Great White's rap imprint - which sadly isn't too far from the truth with last year's Red White and Blue Festival line-up including 'nationalist political rap' from one Bulldog. We sincerely hope this is not another nom de plume of our favourite porcine songster.

If you want to hear Griffin's warblings or any of the

In an ideal world we'd love to report that our brave battalion of outraged punters were immaculately attired in authentic SS uniforms, but maybe this would be stretching the truth a little too far - even for Dr Irving's standards!

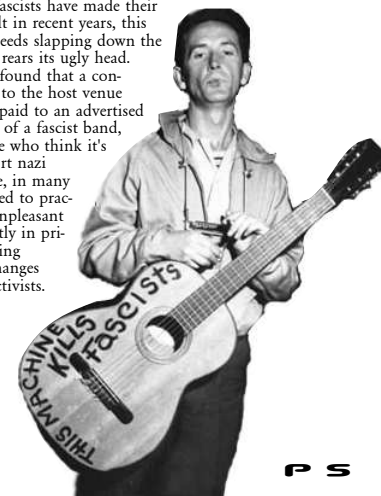
**David Irving is currently organising a tour to promote his latest publications. See [antifa.org.uk](http://antifa.org.uk) for further details.**

other garbage currently available on Great White you'd better move fast as inside sources tell us the label's on the verge of collapse, with orders failing to arrive, and debts spiralling. It's rapidly shaping up to be yet another of Griffin's failed business ventures - a questionable waste of party funds since members coughed up a cool £12 000 (or 400 members' subscriptions if you would) as an initial investment in the project. Maybe Griffin can pen a catchy number explaining where all the money went.

On a serious note, these sly attempts to hijack popular culture need to be nipped in the bud before they get started. Music may well be one of the most democratic and accessible of art forms and by it's nature

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largely immune to this sort of carry-on. But it's happened in the past, and it could happen again if we're not vigilant. Be it the Oi!, folk, dark-wave, neo-folk, metal or one of the numerous scenes where the fascists have made their presence felt in recent years, this nonsense needs slapping down the moment it rears its ugly head. Antifa has found that a concerned call to the host venue often puts paid to an advertised appearance of a fascist band, whilst those who think it's cool to sport nazi regalia have, in many cases, learned to practice their unpleasant habits strictly in private following robust exchanges with our activists.



## FOUNDING STATEMENT

### WHO WE ARE

Antifa is a national federation comprised of local groups of militant anti-fascists, affiliated to the international Antifa movement.

We exist to confront fascist ideas, activities and organisations wherever and however they occur. We utilise a wide range of tactics and believe it is important to confront fascism physically as well as ideologically.

We do not advocate the electoral process as the means of defeating fascism nor will we work with groups that do.

Our structure is anti-authoritarian and non hierarchical. We oppose discrimination based on race, gender, sexuality, disability or age.

We will not work with, accept information from, nor pass information to the magazine Searchlight.

### WHAT IS FASCISM?

It is a mistake to see fascism solely in terms of extreme far-right nationalist political parties such as the BNP, NF etc. While these are the most obvious target for an anti-fascist campaign, many policies promoted by other parties are equally fascist in nature, and demand an appropriate reaction. The media is also guilty of pushing far-right ideology (the tabloid treatment of the issues surrounding refugees for example) and their actions often fall within the remit of an anti-fascist group. We should oppose fascist ideology whatever its source. Equally, fascism is often used as a synonym for racism. Racism is a tool frequently employed by fascist movements, but it is important to be aware that fascists can be non-racist and indeed most racists are not fascists. While our major target is fascism, we must be aware that bigotry in all forms (racism, sexism, homophobia, etc) needs to be fought, whether it comes from the mouths of fascists or from elsewhere.

### THE ENEMY

There are many fascist groups operating in Britain, but the biggest threat comes from the British National Party who in recent years have done their utmost to hide their fascist politics beneath a thin veneer of respectability. Antifa opposes all fascist activity, but destroying the BNP is our current priority. Their presence on the political landscape pushes the wider political agenda to the right at the cost of working class people.

### PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION

Fascism is a violent ideology. Throughout history, fascists have used violence against those who oppose them. Antifa is a continuation of the antifascist tradition of confronting fascism physically when it is necessary. Physical confrontation is only one of our tactics though, we do not aim to fetishise it as one tactic above all others, nor will we allow a hierarchy to develop based on the kudos of street-fighting. If an individual

member feels unable to engage on this level they are no less worthy as an anti-fascist than any other member of the group, however those with a moral problem regarding this issue should be advised that this is not the group for them.

### HIERARCHY AND GROUP STRUCTURE

In keeping with our anti-authoritarian ideas, we seek to challenge hierarchy within our own movement and elsewhere. We do not believe in fixed leadership or power structures. Within Antifa we make decisions on a consensus basis to ensure that the opinions of all within the group are represented as far as possible. Where an organising role needs to be taken on by one or more people (for example, acting as chief steward during an action), we accept that this is immediately revocable should the members of the group be dissatisfied, and that the appointment of any role that could be seen as leadership is temporary and based on group consensus. There are situations in



militant anti-fascism where decisions have to be made quickly and it is vital that those involved trust the person who is making those decisions. It is also vital that appointing those decision-makers does not create any unspoken hierarchy, so we encourage the rotation of roles as far as possible. The structure of our own movement needs to reflect our political goals.

### INCLUSIVITY

The success of fascist politics depends on a divided and unorganised working class. Antifa believes that the means to effect social change must mirror the ends we wish to achieve, and therefore, reflecting our wider beliefs, we will never exclude any individual on the basis of their sex, race, age, (dis)ability, sexuality or any similar grounds.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### The Rise of the Russian Right

The rapid decline of Russia's fledgling democracy, marked by gross violations of human rights during the government's Chechen campaigns; the granting of unprecedented powers to the secret service; the abolition of numerous elected executives; and the re-introduction of censorship and political show-trials and murders, have soured the political atmosphere for ordinary Russians. This has enabled fascists and their rightist allies to regroup and become a force to be reckoned with both on the streets and, worryingly, at various levels of the apparatus of state. Many of these groups are openly Nazi despite the fact that during the Second World War the Nazis' race theories held that the Russians were subhumans, to be enslaved or exterminated with Germany fully implementing a scorched-earth policy during the Russian advance on this very basis. But then logic has never been a strong point of Nazi - witness recent stories, again of Russian fascists who thanks to their Jewish ancestry obtained Israeli citizenship and promptly set about creating Israel's first neo-Nazi group.

With a strength of feeling on this scale, inevitably Russia has seen a sharp rise in xenophobia with growing numbers of attacks reported against minorities, especially those from the Central Asian and Caucasian republics. Over 50 people have been killed by right-wing groups already this year. Many of these crimes remain unsolved however, and observers report

an emerging pattern of inaction and disinterest on the part of the authorities when it comes to dealing with the problem.

In the UK too the story of official disinterest is very similar with reports of events such as these in Russia generating little by way of media or any other form of official interest. This is in sharp contrast with the seemingly endless airtime devoted to scum such as Alexander Litvinenko (who before he turned whistleblower would doubtless have treated the lives of others with the same callous disdain that his former employers treated his) or to the plight of the so-called oligarchs, suffering heart-rending privations in their British exile. It seems as ever that it's one law for the rich and powerful and one law for the rest of us.

Obviously there's little we can do from the UK apart from raise awareness and funds for comrades in Russia and other parts of the world afflicted by the rise of the right on this horrendous scale. Antifa regularly donates money to antifascists abroad - particularly those in countries where a donation from the UK stretches a lot further than it would at home. Donations to Antifa are welcome at any time, but if you'd like your money to go direct to comrades overseas please mark it as such, and we will ensure that it reaches its intended destination.

### Ungdomshuset

After 24 years as an active alternative to mainstream culture, Ungdomshuset (literally 'Youth House') a popular social and political space at 69 Jagtvej in Copenhagen, was violently evicted on March of this year. It was demolished by the authorities in less than a week. The eviction led to massive protests throughout the city and within hours thousands of demonstrators clashed with riot police, the disturbances carrying on over successive days.

The police answered the protests with teargas, and attacked crowds with armoured cars and on foot with batons. Within a few days more than 850 people were arrested in what had become the biggest operation in the history of the Danish Police Force. But the protest continued and carries on to this day.

The eviction appears to have galvanised activists across Denmark and since March there have been weekly demonstrations and several houses have been squatted. For almost two months there was an action or a demo every single day, with weekly demonstrations still taking place. The pitched battles of March have not been reproduced on such a large scale - except when police moved in May to evict and demolish one of the buildings in Christiania, Copenhagen's other long established squat - but numerous smaller scale skirmishes and sporadic outbreaks of vandalism and looting have kept the police on their toes. The actions have also taken a creative

turn, with streets citywide being renamed Jagvej and the graffiti 69 appearing almost everywhere that can be reached with a spray can and some imagination. And despite numerous arrests and the threat of serious time inside for those charged, the movement still appears to be growing.

For the moment, the Ungdomshuset drama is being played out almost exclusively in the streets, with little progress being made towards negotiations from either side. A deep rooted disillusionment with the prevailing political order has given rise to a renewed militancy with many youngsters actively preparing to physically fight for and defend their space and their right to organise. In a dramatic turn of events activists have announced the address of the next building they will try to squat and are shortly to announce the date when they will seek to take occupancy, effectively turning the tables and putting the police on the defensive for a change. It's a gamble alright, but one which if successful could prove an inspiration to young-people all across Europe sick of finding themselves and their culture priced out of their own cities.

In the coming months all eyes will be on Denmark.

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Weekly demos are still taking place over the eviction of Ungdomshuset

